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As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, slightly over \$12 million is available to Los Angeles County for homeless prevention programs. The County has until May 18, 2009 to submit a plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on the best use of the funds.

HUD strongly encourages leveraging these funds with existing homeless prevention or other stimulus funded activities. This grant allows for a range of uses, including financial assistance, rental assistance, hotel/motel vouchers, housing relocation and stabilization services, case management, as well as data collection and evaluation.

Obviously, time is of the essence, and we need to develop the most effective ways of putting these resources to work in benefiting County residents at highest risk of homelessness. The plan should be innovative without creating a new bureaucracy, and it should be mindful of the one-time nature of these funds.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer to return to the Board in 30 days with a plan on how to best leverage the funds made available to Los Angeles County for homeless prevention programs via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, with particular focus on programs that complement the County's homeless prevention strategies and focus on especially vulnerable populations like foster children, Transition Age Youth, as well as CalWORKs and General Relief recipients.

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